

Council sets by-election

Elk Point town council has set Wednesday, October 3 as the date for a by-election which will fill two vacant chairs, following the resignations of councillors Philomena Mackenzie and Gordon McCuaig. McCuaig resigned on June 30, while Mrs. Mackenzie left council on July 19.

Nomination day was set for Wednesday, September 5, which is to be advertised for two weeks prior to that time. Steve Andrishak was appointed as returning officer.

Council also dealt with a wide variety of business at last week's regular meeting, which was reconvened on Tuesday to complete the lengthy agenda.

A personnel committee recommendation to put water and sewer facility operator Steve Penz on full time employment following his probationary period was ratified by council. Public Works employee Joe Amyotte is to be laid off on August 1, with six weeks pay in lieu of notice.

A tender received on the town's sickle mower was rejected by council. Council reviewed the contract conditions for garbage collection and later gave their approval to execution of the contract document.

Cicon Engineering was selected by council for the water booster station project, following review of the fee schedule. Cicon will also be asked to review the

situation regarding the pressure filter at the water treatment plant and make a recommendation. An additional quotation from Snelgrove and Sons will be obtained for replacement of water lines.

Councillor Morris Cooper was appointed to the Buckingham House-Fort George Manor Management Board to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of councillor Mackenzie. Council decided that it should be an option for the councillor on the board to act as the chairman. The management board is to have an employment contract drafted by the administration for their current employee on a year-to-year basis.

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Surface rights group asks for ERCB hearing

by Vicki Brooker

Elk Point Surface Rights Association is asking the Energy and Resources Conservation Board for a public hearing into noise and air pollution which the organization feels could affect the quality of life in the Elk Point area.

Surface Rights Association president Alban Bugej said that a seven-hour ERCB examiners' hearing held Thursday, July 26, "served its purpose," his group is still unhappy with conditions in the oilfield southeast of Elk Point.

The examiners hearing looked into problems resulting from the planned steam extraction of oil from sixteen wells located on a section of land nine miles southeast of Elk Point by Pan Canadian. Landowners Harry and John Shymkiw asked for the licence for the project to be withheld, fearing that additional noise and odor problems would be caused by the development.

A seven member panel of Pan Canadian employees answered countless questions posed by the Shymkiws' lawyer, Peter Johnson, regarding all aspects of the extraction process.

High on the list of concerns is the noise factor. In addition to the present sounds of the sixteen pumpjacks bringing oil to the surface and the trucks which have the sounds of a diesel generator plant and the sounds of approximately ten water hauling trucks each day, for ten to twenty-five days per well.

No noise levels were measured on the test well which was subjected to steam injection, because test wells are "specifically exempted" by the Department of Environment from a need for such measurements, noted Pan Canadian panel, chairman Dennis Castellino. Panel member Andrew Poole stated, however that a noise impact assessment is to be done, with the assistance of an expert hired by Pan

Canadian, on a similar steam injection site as well as on the Shymkiws' land with all the pumpjacks running, in order to make a noise prediction for the project. Noise monitoring during the project will be carried out 24 hours a day, with the residents' approval, he added.

A second major concern regards the emission of gases during the steaming procedure. The steam injection causes release of hydrogen sulphide gas (H₂S) on a declining basis for five to six weeks. When the well is put back into production, the gas is vented to a flare stack for burning.

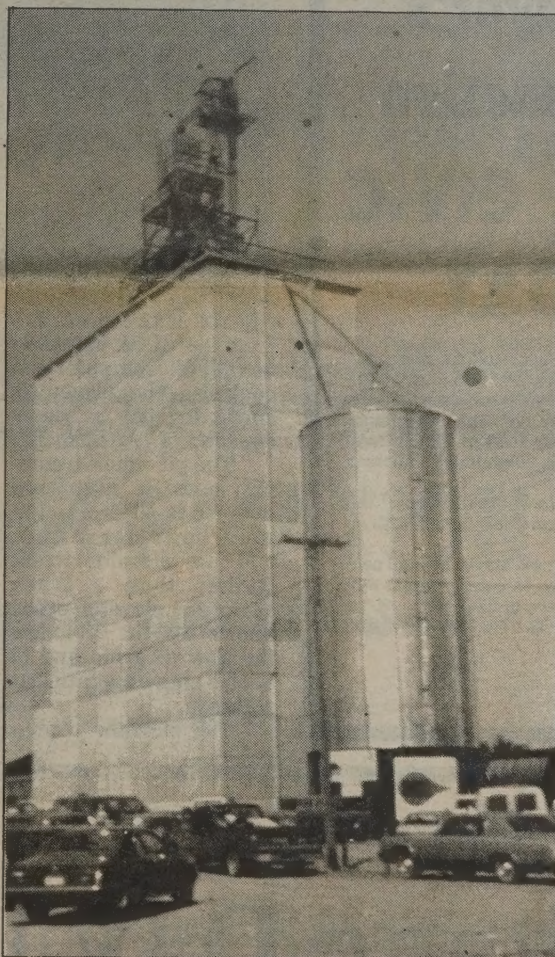
Sulfur dioxide (SO₂) and hydrocarbons are also emitted during the process, but Pan Canadian spokesmen feel these will not exceed air quality standards. They also stated that an air quality trailer would be set up in the Shymkiw yard to test gases over a three to four month period.

Other areas questioned were the possibility of detrimental effects on the Shymkiws' water supply and possible pollution from water pumped out of lease sites. Pan Canadian explained their well cementing procedures, which leave wells ready for safe application of thermal extraction without any chance of aquifer contamination.

The design of Pan Canadian leases renders them virtually watertight, and would necessitate water being pumped off in the case of heavy rains. If this water is pumped into a county ditch, a permit must be obtained prior to pumping. It is also sometimes pumped into a farmer's field, with his permission, or pumped into trucks for hauling to a disposal well. The water is tested for PH and hydrocarbons before pumping, and a sample kept for further analysis if necessary, Pan Canadian noted.

Alban Bugej suggested that the earth dykes around the leases could become a "weed haven" and that weed sprays or soil sterilants used on these

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MARWAYNE SKYSCRAPER — The new Cargill elevator dominates the Marwayne skyline. The new facility was officially opened Thursday, July 26th.

Cargill opens elevator

by Vicki Brooker

The skyline of Marwayne, Alberta has recently been changed with the construction of a massive new grain elevator which is far different than the usual 'prairie skyscrapers'. Cargill Grain opened their new facility on Thursday, July 26th, with a large crowd in attendance.

On hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony were Member of Parliament Don Mazankowski, Cargill Canada President Kerry Hawkins, and Vice-President Lorne Clapson, Cargill Regional Manager Jim Prokopanko of Calgary, and Marwayne mayor "Doc" Cook.

The innovative structure is constructed completely of concrete and has a capacity of 142,000 bushels in twenty vertical bins, plus a 20,000 bushels in a steel tank and

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GETTING THE FARMERS' VIEWS — Member of Parliament Don Mazankowski chatted with Marwayne area residents at the elevator opening.

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which will be submitted for council's approval at the next meeting.

Edmonton architect David Kobayashi will be asked to attend council's next regular meeting to discuss plans for a new library facility.

Mayor Ed Buck was appointed to the Municipal Planning Commission to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of councillor McCuaig. The Development Appeal Board vacancy is to be filled at the next meeting of council.

The residential mobile home subdivision is ready for its final inspection, and the Public Works Committee will be available to accompany the engineer for the inspection.

Servicing plans for the apartment complex were approved by council following review by Fletcher Engineering Ltd. A plan and road profiles for 51 St. north of 57 Ave. will be requested from the developer immediately.

Council adopted the revised outline plan for the highway commercial development planned by Mughal Homes, with changes requested by Alberta Transportation. Council has asked that the development agreement be signed before any work of the project commences.

Council appointed councillor Steve Stepaniuk to

the community Impact Assessment Study to fill the vacancy left by councillor Mackenzie. Local coordinators Leslie Keith and Mary Bennett were ratified by council for 2/3 time and 1/3 time positions at \$1400 and \$700 per month respectively. Council also ratified the hiring of Nichols Applied Management at a total cost of \$15,000. Gary Michiachuk of Dome Petroleum has also joined the steering committee, and was duly ratified by council.

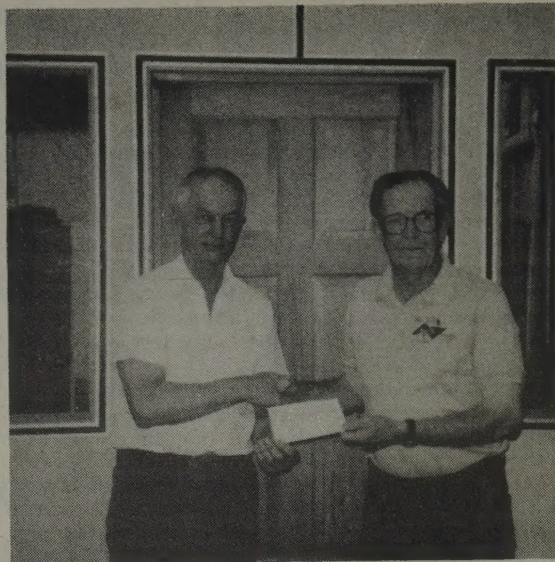
The town of Elk Point has been honored by Municipal Councillor Magazine, which publishes an annual list of towns which are 'early birds' in obtaining approval of their years financial statement. Elk Point placed 23 out of 25 on the list, which includes the entire province.

No objections to Bylaw 394/84m which amends land use bylaw 312 to incorporate land use district RMH-2 Residential Mobile Home Park and C3 Neighborhood Commercial, were forthcoming at Monday's 6:30 p.m. public hearing. Council subsequently gave the bylaw all its prescribed readings.

All readings were also given to Bylaw 395 regarding the garbage contract, while Bylaw 390 regarding Regulation of Businesses Dealing With Second-hand Goods received its second reading.

A major change in utilities rates is coming to Elk Point, following the Alberta Municipal Affairs inspection report which noted that water, sewer and garbage are all operating at a deficit. The AMA report will be published in the Review. A significant hike in utility rates could mean a drop of up to 4.25 mills in taxes, however.

Elk Point's population for 1984 has been officially set at 1113, according to the census affidavit.



MLA JOHN DROBOT — Presents on behalf of the Minister of Transportation a cheque for \$25,000.00 to Deputy Mayor Morris Cooper who accepted on behalf of the Town of Elk Point.

Air terminal building grant

The town of Elk Point has received \$25,000 to go towards the construction of an air terminal building at the municipal airport, located 4 miles east of Elk Point. The town on behalf of the airport commission applied for the grant, allotted by the minister of transportation, and was received on Thursday, July 26, when MLA John Drobot presented the cheque to Deputy Mayor Morris Cooper.

Town administrator Pat Vincent, on hand for the occasion stated that the money will be sufficient funds to construct a building complete with the services required. Construction will take place as soon as a survey of feasibility is finished, which adheres to the guidelines imposed with the grant set by the minister of transportation.

The airport commission consisting of town council members Fred Kryvenchuk, Ed Buck, county councillors John Zenko, Bob Smith, representatives from the Chamber of Commerce Allan Warawa, citizen at large from Elk Point Ken Palamerak and citizen at large from the county Tom Kinch, will study the matter to decide the best feasible structure, and to insure the airport runs by the guidelines set.

Vincent closed by saying "Mr. Drobot should be recognized for his efforts in assisting to make the monies available to the town of Elk Point."

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weeds could contaminate the water in the lease.

Bugej expressed definite concerns regarding the noise produced by the oilfield equipment. The ERCB guidelines of 65 decibels in the daytime, and 50 decibels at night are far too high, he said, quoting statistics that the maximum noise in residential areas around large airports must be under 60 decibels. Provincially acceptable standards are a maximum of 35 decibels in

the daytime and 25 decibels at night.

Air pollution from the oil patch could even affect residents in the town of Elk Point, Bugej noted, because although "geography books say our prevailing winds are from the northwest, we get lots from the southeast too," which would bring gas emissions toward town.

"We do want the oil industry, but we don't want it to be hazardous to our health," he concluded.

Albertan heads Canadian Elks

Joe Dumontel, a native of Brooks, Alberta, recently was named Grand Exalted Ruler of the Canadian Elks (Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks).

Addressing the national annual convention of the 50,000 member organization in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Dumontel urged members to work hard to

build up the Elks Purple Cross Fund, the national charity.

He believes that Elkdom is a prime way of serving one's community and when all members of the many different service organizations contribute, the community becomes a wonderful place in which to live.

Dumontel has been a

member of the Brooks Lodge and the Elks for 35 years. He has served as Exalted Ruler, District Deputy and on the Alberta Elks Association.

Dumontel and his wife, Helen, who is a member of the Brooks Royal Purple, have three children and four grandchildren - all living in Brooks.



Mayor's Proclamation ANNUAL CIVIC HOLIDAY

WHEREAS, the annual Civic Holiday has been traditionally celebrated on the first Monday in the month of August, and

WHEREAS, Section 247 of the Municipal Government Act being Chapter M-26 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 1980 with amendments thereto confers the power, and

WHEREAS, in the interests of the citizens of the Town of Elk Point that it is on their behalf a Civic Holiday should be declared.

THEREFORE, I, Edward Buck, Mayor of the Town of Elk Point, do hereby declare Monday, August 6th, 1984 a Civic Holiday for the Town of Elk Point.

DATED AT ELK POINT THIS 27th DAY OF JULY, 1984.

EDWARD BUCK, MAYOR
TOWN OF ELK POINT.

Cargill opens elevator

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nex at one end. Elevator manager Gerald Martin noted that he is able to run the entire operation from his office, thanks to complete computerized controls. The elevator's single leg has a hourly capacity of 7500 bushels.

The pit where incoming loads of grain are dumped is outdoors, between the railroad track and the elevator itself. Rather than a truck scale, the elevator office allows Martin to follow the flow of grain and to see his entire operation at a glance.

The elevator receiv-

ed its first load of grain at the opening, with J.B. Campbell of Valley Seed Farms making the first delivery.

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Elk Point

Heritage Day Celebrations

Monday, August 6th, 1984

AFTERNOON PROGRAM — FREE ADMISSION

1:00 p.m. Opening Ceremonies

All Afternoon — Ethnic Entertainment and Competitions
Accounts of Pioneer Activities

5:30 p.m. Potluck Supper of Ethnic Dishes.

8:00 p.m. — Old Time Dance — \$2.50 per Person.

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On the way to town

by Irene Magnusson

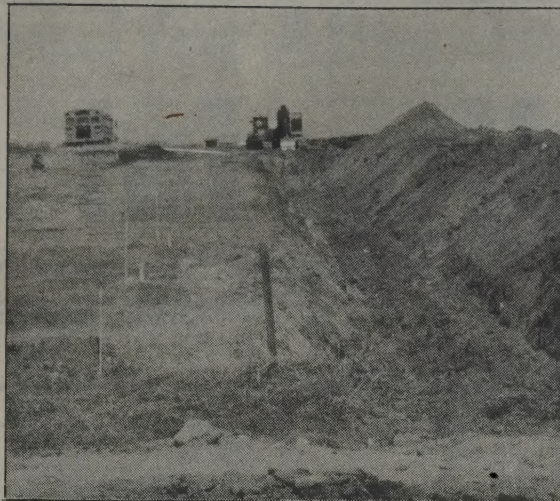
We who call Elk Point 'our town' and happen to be misfortunate enough to live west of that town, have often had a rough road to follow in order to get to our destination for food, mail and such like.

For quite a few weeks this summer the road was closed off entirely for the half-mile west, while busy workmen and giant machines gouged and ploughed and shoved the earth around. The way for the would-be visitor in to town was quite roundabout, with a mile or so added on, or the rather hazardous route down across the tracks. We wondered why there was not a bypass made.

However, last week the signs came down. Not carried away, mind you, just thrown in the ditch, so they may be used again. And once more we are free to head west out of town. We note that, instead of the nice new road we had hoped would appear, we still get to bounce over the very same rockpile we have endured for all these many years.

New streets are being made for the newcomers in the new 'development', probably paved, over all

those miles of pipes and lines laid down, and no doubt there will be smooth sidewalks for their many feet. But we, who have endured that lumpy road for ages, will still get to 'take our lumps' as before. Wouldn't it be nice to have a GOOD road that first mile out of (or last mile into) Elk Point? Come on, Town, think about your country cousins once in awhile.



THE BIG MACHINES MOVE THE EARTH — This way, then that, in the upheaval of developing extra living area for Elk Point. It's starting to settle down now, and the road is back in use. — I. Magnusson



THIS WE SAW FOR WEEKS ON THE ROAD TO HOME — West of Elk Point. Did they really lay those pipes under the highway?? — I. Magnusson

1984 annual inspection

Pursuant to Sections 10 and 12 of the Department of Municipal Affairs Act, every municipality must be inspected annually and a report made to the chief executive officer of that municipality. An inspection of the town of Elk Point was conducted on June 27 and the following comments are submitted for your consideration.

A review of the 1983 financial statement and supporting records indicates that the town is in a sound financial position with an adequate cash flow being maintained. Council are to be commended on the present financial position of the municipality and are urged to maintain this status.

It was noted that the water, sewer and garbage utilities are all operating at a deficit. It is a generally accepted criteria that utilities should be self supporting. Under the current rate structure, the ratepayers at large are subsidizing these systems. We would recommend that the utility rates be increased to the point where the systems will become self supporting.

The municipality's administrative records, books, ledgers and accounting systems were examined and found to be in very good order and up to date. The systems and procedures now in use appear to meet both the legislative and executive requirements of the town.

A general overview of the administration of the town of Elk Point indicates that the affairs of the municipality continue to be discharged in a competent manner by both council and the administration.

St. Paul Progressive Conservative Association DINE AND DANCE

Heinsburg Hall, Wednesday, August 8

Dinner at 6:00 p.m., Dance to Follow.
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TOWN OF ELK POINT

NOTICES & INFORMATION

COLLECTION OF GARBAGE AND REFUSE



The Town of Elk Point is now providing municipal garbage collection on a contract basis.

The day's residential collection are scheduled as follows:

MONDAY: all the portion of Town north of 50th Avenue and west of Highway 41 except Block 34 as outlined on the Town map below.

TUESDAY: Block 34 and all the portion of Elk Point east of Highway 41 as outlined on the Town map below.

FRIDAY: all that portion of Elk Point south of 50th Avenue and west of Highway 41 as outlined on the Town map below.

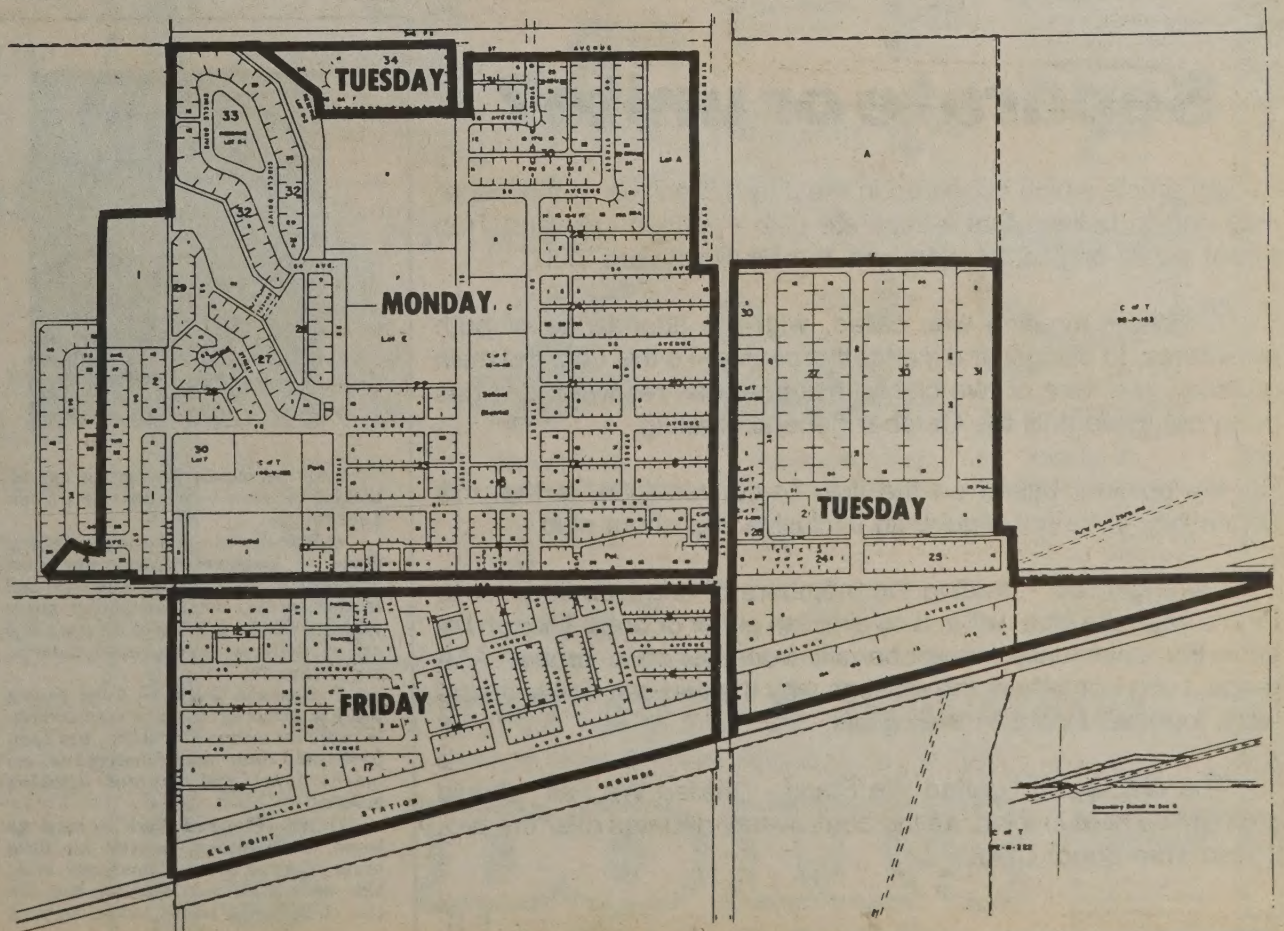
Garbage collection for commercial, business and institutional sections of Elk Point are scheduled on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of each week.

Once again the Council of the Town of Elk Point solicits the co-operation of all residents in observing the regulations of By-Law 322 in the storage and removal of garbage and refuse in readiness for collection and disposal on the day of the week noted above.

Any resident wishing more information with respect to collection of garbage may contact the undersigned.

DATED AT Elk Point this 27th day of July, 1984.

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Moratorium on bigotry

Monday, August 6 is Heritage Day, a day set aside for each of us to commemorate our racial origins and to honor our forefathers.

Unfortunately, this is not always easy to do. Prejudice exhibited by others, sometimes makes us question whether our backgrounds are, in fact, a cause for celebration or for shame.

This is not a new problem, but one which has existed as long as civilization. For countless centuries, mankind has been calling his brother "You dirty----", "You dumb----", "You tightwad----" or "You #*!----", while at the same time thinking that his own race was the only one fit to inhabit the earth.

It might not be as bad in single-race countries, but in a multiracial environment such as our own, it can cause untold trouble. Sometimes racism is brought so close to home that it threatens family relationships if a member marries someone of another race or culture.

In Elk Point, however, the problem is minimal, as people from many backgrounds blend into a harmonious community. This was exemplified on Canada Day, when a variety of cultures displayed their traditions in the glorious afternoon program. Next Monday's celebration will again combine the many cultures for a celebration. Thus we set an example for cultural harmony which could well be followed by others world-wide.

It would help, if just for this one day, all Albertans were to declare a moratorium on bigotry. They might just find that it didn't hurt a bit.

V.B.

Separate or unite?

An article which appeared in the July 18 edition of this paper lead one to believe that a separate club - entitled Lakeland Trap Shoot would originate, aside from the Elk Point Gun Club.

A special meeting was called, with the attendance of both presidents, to discuss the matter thoroughly. To this date the main question - i.e. one or two clubs - has not been resolved; and has been put aside until the October general meeting.

My opinion, based on the flow of conversation, is that this community does not require an exclusive trap shoot club.

I strongly feel - dividing the members of one club in order to form a separate club, will in time diminish either or both. Though I'm sure the community would benefit from having a proper ATA range, I can not fathom the reasons why the two can not unite and work together to obtain their goals.

The old saying "United We Stand - Divided We Fall" should strongly be kept in mind, as the controversy debates over the proposed Trap Shoot Club.

F.S.



meanwhile, back at the ranch

by VICKI BROOKER

As I made my relaxed, air-conditioned way to the office today, I suddenly realized that I have been driving my 'new' truck for a whole year, this coming weekend. Maybe I should stop thinking of it as 'new' now?

My station wagon provided safe and dependable transportation for me for over seven years, and I can't quite remember when it lost the appellation of 'new car'. For many people, that day comes the day you put the first dent into a vehicle, but I can safely say I never put one dent in that one, and nor did anyone else, which must be some sort of a record.

After driving the wagon for that long and being so 'accustomed to its face', it is still quite a shock to see it coming down the road toward me, or to see it parked on the street. I feel like going and patting it, like an old, retired horse, or at least waving to it as I go by. Remember, I wave to dogs and cows, too.

After a full year, I am still amazed with the luxury of my 'new' truck. I turn up the air conditioning, pop in a Willie Nelson tape, and off I go, oblivious to 90 degree heat and with chewed-up roads no real barrier to my progress. In winter snow and ice, it behaved like a perfect angel, not getting stuck or out of control at any time, and in spring mud, it hand-

ed equally well.

I sure enjoy the 'back seat' area—having room to put groceries and parcels without stacking them on passengers' laps—and room to haul extra people, if they are small and/or agile enough to fit, while still having the convenience of a truck to haul feed and parts and the like in.

My 'new' truck showed me it can be as easily maneuvered in city traffic as on rural roads, and takes to both angle and parallel parking like a duck to water. Five o'clock city traffic doesn't even bother it, unlike some vehicles I have herded through the city which were given to fits of temper and balking during traffic jams.

My truck does not, however, care for hauling cattle. With three steers in the back, it doesn't want to go over 45MPH, and it wears the ill-fitting set of stock racks like an itchy shirt. This, too, is fine with me—I don't like hauling livestock anyway!

My offspring laugh at my truck, and say I should have gotten something more powerful. What for? I don't need any speeding tickets, and if I need to get somewhere faster, I'll buy a plane ticket.

This big grey Dodge and I are well on our way to becoming good friends.



it's my life

by FIJA SCHWAB

I am personally setting out and attacking the male population. Here's how I see things:

1) Wife Works — Five days a week at place of employment less pay than counterpart the male, more hassles and tension to deal with, complaints never taken seriously, in some cases must also act as waitress, moma, mind readers, and janitor.

2) Husband Works — Good paying job, has authority, is taken very seriously, waitress serves him coffee, has companionship from male counterparts, acquires loyal and faithful drinking buddies.

1) Wife Finished Work — Must go home, cook supper, babysit his little brats (they're always somebody else's kids when their dad) feed the dog, the cat, clean house, wash clothes, do yard

work, pacify the little brats who are bored waiting for supper to be served, try to locate Hubby because he is definitely late in getting home. When found, we feed him then do dishes, tuck the house in ready for bed and plan tomorrow's schedule so that we can stay ahead of massive accumulation of never ending work that needs to be done.

2) Hubby Finishes Work — Eventually goes home, stomach tells him it's time to be fed. Kids acting up, so yells at wife. Stuff's face then has bath. Now's the time to see what's on T.V. Had a hard day at work, definitely needs to relax, maybe even a snooze.

So what does all this mean? It clearly means to me, that if there is such a thing as reincarnation, I am definitely coming back as a male!!

Heavy debt load for Alberta farmers

"The debt load that Alberta Farmers are carrying is becoming a serious problem," says John Oberg, Regional Co-ordinator for the National Farmers Union.

"Where rural bank managers used to have 2 or 3 farmers in financial difficulty, they now have 10 to 15 farm clients that are in serious financial trouble. The last 5 years of escalating input costs, low commodity prices and exorbitant interest rates have required that farmers borrow heavily from lending institutions."

"Recent declining land values in the province have intensified the farmers predicament. Banks are now requiring more land as security. Normally, lending institutions require 125% value in assets for a loan. Now they are requiring 135% in assets for the same loan. Many farmers are finding they have no more assets to give the bank. Consequently, farmers are finding their operating loans cut off."

Oberg continued, "The debt crisis is so serious that farmers are being asked to leave their farms." Because of high unemployment, most

have no where to go.

Canadian farmers and businessman are not the only ones caught in this dilemma. Similar situations exist in most developing countries. Oberg says Canadians must become more vocal about their displeasure with the present high interest rate policy of the Federal Government.

The problem is how are farmers going to pay back all the money that has been borrowed to keep producing food.

The NFU feels that our government should enact a debt adjustment act whereby district courts could mediate between farmers and creditors. The court should have the power to adjust the repayment schedule, the interest rate and write-down, debt levels to present equity levels if necessary.

Oberg went on to say that major European banks have already set a major precedent by write-down loans of large-scale international debtors. Oberg feels farmers should be given the same consideration.

"Even though a farmer is behind in his payments, he is still producing food and has a

place to live. This is preferable to being tossed out on the street and put

on welfare."

Oberg concluded that long-term agriculture

policies regarding production and pricing should be developed so

farmers can receive a return on their labor and investment.

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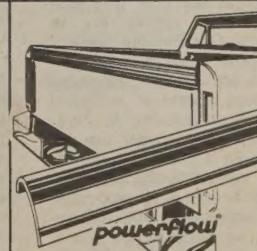
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BY LEROY FJORDBOTTEN
ALBERTA MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

FARM CREDIT: PART I

Farm credit is never an easy subject to deal with. Regardless of the state of the economy, a percentage of those who have loans or need loans inevitably get into financial trouble.

That is an agricultural fact of life, as are the facts that agricultural marketing is commodity based, that commodity pricing is cyclical, that land equity is fluid and can drop as well as increase, and that inflation and interest rates never perform as you expect or wish.

Obviously, there are negative factors at work in the farm industry. With low — though stable — commodity prices, low equity levels and continuing input cost pressures, I know only too well that many Alberta farmers face difficult financial times.

Most producers, I am happy to note, are handling this situation very capably. However, some farmers are finding the situation very difficult, and therefore are demanding a debt adjustment (which is a reduction in loan principal) and a moratorium on debt repayment.

In June, the situation developed into a media event when some farmers took up temporary residence in the head office of the Alberta Agricultural Development Corporation (ADC) in Camrose.

This move was intended to attract public attention, and in that aim, it was successful. Clearly, this is not a situation which can be ignored — nor have I ignored it.

However, neither do I wish to see it grow out of proportion. As a farmer, I recognize the emotions which must have prompted this drastic action; as Minister of Agriculture, I am the first to acknowledge the present situation of these farmers. The cost-price squeeze facing producers is worse than any we have seen in recent years. High input costs and low prices are not making things easy for anyone, and they are especially difficult for farmers saddled with heavy debt loads.

Make no mistake, the problems are serious, and our need to find satisfactory solutions is an absolute priority. However, while I share those concerns which are widespread in the agriculture sector, I cannot comply with the demands from some producers for a debt moratorium.

I have several reasons for taking this position.

First and foremost is the fact that a moratorium on farm debt is not in the best long-term interest of agriculture in Alberta. Our farming industry is capital intensive, and producers are critically dependent on good access to sufficient capital at reasonable cost. Therefore, it is vital that we maintain a confident investment climate in the province, for the benefit of all producers. By instituting a debt moratorium, we would run the risk of destroying investor confidence, which would certainly increase the cost of borrowing money in Alberta, and at worst could dry up the credit pool completely, at a time when it is most urgently needed.

The bottom line is that a debt moratorium is a short-term,

band-aid solution, which would solve the immediate problems of a few producers only to replace them with much, much more serious ones for the entire agriculture sector.

We must take a lesson from history: restrictive action taken on agricultural credit by a past Alberta government succeeded mainly in scaring away private investors. It took 30 years to restore their confidence, and for the good of all producers, I don't think we can afford another 30-year period when private lenders are hesitant to lend money to the farming sector.

Second, I don't believe that implementing a moratorium is the wish of the majority of agricultural producers in this province. While I am aware that most farmers are concerned about the current cost-price situation, I have seen nothing to suggest that support for a moratorium is industry-wide.

Third, much of the recent attention over farm debt has centered on the ADC, a public-sector lending institution. I would like to point out that the ADC itself receives operating loans from the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, to which it pays interest, and to which the Corporation is accountable for the money it borrows.

This means that, in the event of a moratorium, interest on unpaid farmer loans would eventually be paid by the public at large. In the case of 'loan adjustments', this would include any 'forgiven' principal. This situation is unacceptable at the best of times, but it would be particularly so now, when every effort is being made to keep the cost of government to a minimum.

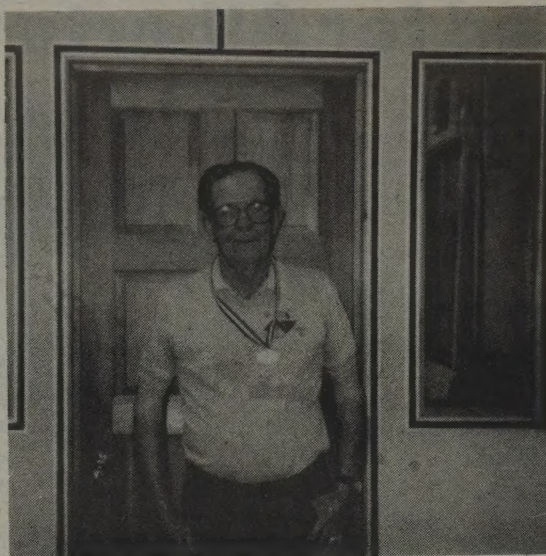
Finally, the concept of a debt moratorium must also be viewed in terms of the free-enterprise or small-business philosophy on which much of our industry is based.

The majority of farm creditors are private-sector organizations, which loan funds in good faith, at a rate of interest agreed upon by both parties. Farmers, for their part, want the freedom to make their own decisions. They enter into a loan agreement voluntarily, and therefore must accept the risks and the consequences of this action like any other Alberta businesspeople.

Ultimately, I believe few individuals in this province would want to see government impose retroactive rulings on loaned funds, conditions which didn't exist when the money was first loaned out.

For these reasons, I have refused demands for a farm debt moratorium or adjustment in our province. However, the fact that we don't choose to impose a moratorium or adjustment doesn't mean we aren't doing our best to resolve the current cost-price squeeze, or to relieve the industry's loan burden.

In my next column, I intend to look at some of the financial programs which are in place to aid Alberta farmers, as well as some of the ideas we are studying to help producers make it through these tough financial times.



MORRIS COOPER — Proudly displays his medal (the third) he earned by defeating 39 other people at the Camrose Crib Tourney held August 8, 9 and 10.

Grading contract for Heinsburg

EDMONTON -- A \$539,549 grading contract is being awarded to McLean Construction Ltd. of Drumheller, Transportation Minister Marvin Moore announced recently.

The contract involves grading on Secondary Road 646 from Secondary Road 893 for 10 kilometres to Secondary Road 897. The contract is part of a major improve-

ment project designed to upgrade Secondary Road 646 to modern paved standards suitable for future resurfacing.

The contract is scheduled for completion in the fall of 1984.

There were eight bids, the next two lowest being: P.K. Construction Ltd. Edmonton \$628,637; Tarapaski Construction Ltd., St. Paul \$629,118.

Upcoming event

Dewberry Agricultural Society wishes to announce the chuckwagon event will be held Aug 4 & 5 at the Dewberry Sports Ground, Saturday to start at 6, and Sunday to start at 2. Cabaret & dance to follow on Saturday.

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11:00 a.m. — Worship Service
Tuesday — 7:30 p.m. Bible Study
Friday — 7:30 p.m. Youth Group

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3. The Fishing Lake Settlement: A special thank you for your support in issuing an exclusive contract with Lake Land Ambulance Service Ltd.,
4. The Frog Lake Reserve: another special thank you for by-lawing our service to provide ambulance service to your community.
5. R.C.M.P. Detachment of Elk Point.

To those who supported us when we first established the ambulance service in Elk Point in July, 1981, we thank you.

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By Russ Kisby

The Wheelchair Workout

Disabled and growing a little frustrated with all the glamorous, celebrity-studded fitness programmes that seem directed only towards the able-bodied? Take heart.

A very energetic, attractive paraplegic named Janet Reed has devised the "Wheelchair Workout" — an audio cassette and illustrated brochure that bring all the benefits of regular exercise to the "wheelchair set".

Reed was thrown from a horse in 1977. In a search for a cure to her injury, she became active in the Paralysis Cure Research Foundation in her native United States and in the International Spinal Research Trust in England.

Then, at a fundraising event in Washington, D.C. in 1983, a friend asked her to dance from her wheelchair. Two hours later she felt so good moving her upper body to the music she decided to exercise to music on a regular basis. Her next thought was to share her enthusiasm with others in wheelchairs.

The result: a carefully researched, medically correct programme of 47 different movements including extensions, stretches, twists, reaches and ranges of motion to be done from a sitting position.

Accompanying Ms. Reed's instructions on the tape, exercisers will hear an original music score entitled "Move It" that underlines the warm-up, aerobics and cool-down that comprise the "Wheelchair Workout".

The flip side of the tape contains even livelier music without instructions for those who have

advanced to a more rigorous, individual routine.

The "Wheelchair Workout" offers benefits to men, women and children of varying disabilities, temporary or indefinite.

The newly injured can use the workout as a start towards restoration of damaged or weakened muscles; all can use it to supplement a prescribed programme of physical therapy.

Reed encourages the able-bodied to enjoy the routine, too — exercising from a chair, in front of a mirror.

For the able-bodied, moving the legs exercises the heart. For the disabled, moving the arms creates the same cardiovascular workout. Thus, the "Wheelchair Workout" stresses a wide variety of arm swings, scissors, circles and stretches. Also included: various isometric and isotonic exercises for strength and toning.

You can find out more about the "Wheelchair Workout" by writing to 12275 Greenleaf Avenue, Potomac, MD, USA 20854 or calling (301) 279-2994.

As Reed says, "By doing the "Wheelchair Workout" regularly, you can achieve a higher level of physical and mental fitness. You'll have greater vitality and a richer life".

"You don't need any special equipment — just your body. If you don't accept the responsibility for your own health and well-being, who will?"

Russ Kisby is President of PARTICIPaction, the Canadian movement for personal fitness.

Recreation news

The recreation office's summer programs are now in full swing. Some special events that are coming up are the Penny Carnival on August 3rd at 9:30 a.m. to run all day. The admission to this carnival will be 50 cents per child and then there will be a charge of 1 cent per booth for three tries. The children may try as many times as they wish paying each time for three tries. A snack booth will be open for the children selling things like apples, chips, pop, and kool-aid. Another event that is coming up is the Root-Beer Fest. This day has been tentatively scheduled for August 17th. As well as these special events, daily organized games and crafts are running.

The Ag. Ross Centre has opened its doors to indoor tennis, however, participation has been low. Let's see all those tennis players out on Wednesday night from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Any information you may need please call the recreation office at 724-4074.

B. Dagg



R.C.M.P. TEAM VICTORIOUS — First row, left to right: Judy Jenner, Debbie Ballas, Idella Mathews, Lindsay Jenner, Debbie Lou Huskins, Jolley Jenner, Rob Mathews, Doug Huskins, Jamie Pallett, Lloyd Jenner, Bill Ballas, Jason Jenner. Coach and owner Jim Fell. Trophy presented by Shauna Campbell on behalf of the Recreation Board. Missing from photo is Wayne and Joyce Spence.

Slowpitch 1984

Ten teams played in the Elk Point 1984 Slowpitch League made-up of the following: RCMP, Lions, Town & Recreation, Dew Mar, Westmin, Sharpshooters, Lindbergh, Elk Point Truss, Chimo & Katimavik. The league ran from the middle of May until the playoffs which were held July 12,

17, and 19th. In the finals we had the RCMP, Lions and Lindbergh tied for second and Dew Mar and Elk Point Truss tied for first. The final game ended up to be Truss and the RCMP with the RCMP team being victorious.

This year we had problems finding proper um-

pires and we had some rule discrepancies. Hopefully, through a live and learn process next year's league will run with fewer problems and more fun.

Thank-you for the participation we had and we hope to see you next year.

Brenda Dagg

Announcing the Small Business Equity Corporation Program

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To stimulate new pools of equity capital for investment in Alberta small businesses, a new act is now in place to provide for the formation of Small Business Equity Corporations (SBECs). Investments in small business from these corporations will stimulate new business growth, as well as offer existing businesses opportunities to improve their present financial position.

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Stress and your child

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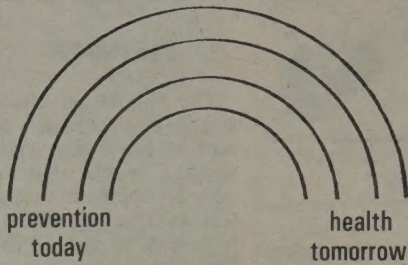
A child cannot adjust as quickly and effectively as an adult can to hot temperature. This is because the child has less sweating capacity and produces more heat per unit of body mass when exercising. To prevent any heat injury to an active child on a hot day, parents should ensure he is given fluids frequently (every hour if possible) and that he is wearing lightweight clothing. This

facilitates evaporation of sweat to obtain the needed cooling effect.

Extreme temperatures inside a parked car can also be dangerous to children left unattended within. This is definitely not a recommended practice for parents but poses even greater risks if this is done during hot weather. The windows of a car on a sunny day have a "greenhouse" effect which absorbs and traps the sun's rays. Poor ventilation serves to increase the temperature as well. It has been shown that when the atmospheric temperature is 27 degree

C. (87 degrees F.), the temperature inside a car could rise to 43 degrees C (110 degrees F) within 15 minutes. This temperature increase has been measured in a car with the front window rolled down two inches. A child left in such a heated environment for even short periods of time will develop a high body temperature which could eventually lead to heart failure caused by dehydration and circulatory collapse.

Enjoy the hot days but be sure to take the appropriate precautions to prevent heat stress in infants and small children.



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Drowning

Last year in Alberta, there were 56 deaths caused by drownings. In the lakeland area, there recently have been several boating and swimming accidents which have resulted in tragic losses of lives. Prevention of these accidents is a prime concern of the health unit.

Drowning results when the victim senses he

is in trouble and panics. His first reaction is to cough and swallow, causing volumes of water to enter the stomach. While the victim continues to struggle for breath, some water does enter the windpipe and larynx (voice box). This causes the larynx to go into spasm and block the breathing passage to the lungs. Thus the victim actually dies from asphyxiation (lack of air) rather than from water filling the lungs.

A rescuer who finds a drowning victim should firstly call for assistance to get the victim transported to a hospital and then immediately begin artificial respira-

tion. This can be done by following these steps:

1) Lift the neck with one hand and tilt the head back by placing the other hand on the victim's forehead.

2) Pinch the nostrils while maintaining the head in an extended position.

3) Take a deep breath

4) Open your mouth very wide and place it over the victim's mouth, making a tight seal and blow into the victim's mouth giving four quick breaths.

5) Turn your head and watch to see that the chest rises and falls.

6) Continue to breath once every 5 seconds.

Public Forums On Industrial & Science Strategy For Albertans 1985 to 1990

What the Forums Are All About

The Alberta Government has produced a White Paper entitled "An Industrial & Science Strategy for Albertans 1985 to 1990", and now invites provincial groups, local organizations and individuals to join in the dialogue and present their ideas and views about the white paper.

Larry Shaben, Hugh Planche, Dick Johnston and Keith Alexander, M.L.A.'s, will conduct public forums for this purpose and will schedule presentation times for submissions. Priority will be given to province-wide organizations and time may not permit all submissions to be heard by the committee, but all written briefs will receive careful consideration.

Where and When

The public forums will commence on Monday, September 10, 1984 and end on Friday, September 28, 1984 at the following locations, dates and times:

Red Deer (Capri Centre)	Monday, September 10, 1984 9:00 a.m. - Noon; 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Fort McMurray (Peter Pond Hotel)	Tuesday, September 11, 1984 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Lloydminster (Wayside Inn)	Tuesday, September 11, 1984 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Medicine Hat (Continental Inn)	Wednesday, September 12, 1984 10:00 a.m. - Noon; 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Calgary (Palliser Hotel)	Thursday & Friday, September 13 & 14, 1984 9:00 a.m. - Noon; 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Edmonton (Edmonton Inn)	Tuesday & Wednesday, September 25 & 26, 1984 9:00 a.m. - Noon; 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Grande Prairie (Trumpeter Inn)	Thursday, September 27, 1984 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Peace River (Travellers Motor Hotel)	Thursday, September 27, 1984 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Lethbridge (El Rancho Motor Hotel)	Friday, September 28, 1984 10:00 a.m. - Noon; 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Contact Your M.L.A.

Individuals wishing to make their views known are encouraged to do so through their M.L.A. who will make arrangements to meet with them. Government M.L.A.'s will be advertising locally when they will be available to meet with individuals.

Your written ideas are especially welcome.

For information or copies of the White Paper, please call 427-2251 in Edmonton 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. OR 297-6464 in Calgary, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. If you are dialing long distance—Please access these numbers through the R.I.T.E. operator.

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Gun club news

The Elk Point Gun Club held their meeting on Monday June 23, at which time to deal with matters presented by the newly formed Lakeland Trap Shoot Club. Main issues of concern was the article published in the local paper on behalf of Lakeland, which clearly states that the Trap Club will be using the gun club facilities until a suitable 7-10 acre range was purchased, prior to approval of the gun club members. After a much heated and argumentative debate, president Dave Wylie of the Lakeland Trap Shoot Club agreed to survey the existing land available by the gun club on Sunday, June 29 for the possibility of locating an ATA range on that site. The matter as to whether there will be two separate clubs or just one club with a trap division, has been set aside until the October general meeting. The meeting concluded with new dates being set for the continuation of the Summer 200 Trap Shoot, which will be held on August 8, 13 and 22, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Elk Point Gun Club facility. The conclusion of Hunters Ed, which is practical shooting, will be held from July 30 & Aug. 2.

green acres

by TERRY HOLMGREN

Alberta Agriculture, St. Paul, Alta.



Soil tour, Glendon, Aug. 7

On Tuesday, August 7 farmers are invited to a soils tour in the Therien-Glendon area to view fertilizer trials for potash and sulphur deficient soils. The tour will meet at the Glendon U.F.A. starting at 1:00 p.m.

Since 1982 the University of Alberta and Alberta Agriculture have jointly placed fertilizer plots on three farms in the local area which show extreme potash deficiency. The plots show the benefits of a fertilizing with varying rates of potash added, and also the residual benefits of very high levels of potash fertilization. There are also trials comparing early seeded barley on potash deficient sites, as well as comparisons of different sources of potash and their effect on barley diseases.

The University of Alberta has also started a sulphur fertilizer plot at one site to compare different sulphur sources (e.g. -16-20-0, 21-0-0, elemental sulphur) and their benefits for crop production.

Everyone is welcome on this tour. There is no registration charge. Speakers will be present from the University of Alberta and Alberta Agriculture.

Mazankowski covers much ground in last few weeks

In an interview with the Journal Don Mazankowski incumbent Member of Parliament for the Constituency of Vegreville reported on his activities in the past few weeks.

On Saturday morning, July 21, he addressed a gathering of about 3000 people at a Mennonite Fund Raising Auction in Tofield. At the gathering, Mr. Mazankowski stated, "The loftiest of human ideals is the desire and indeed the commitment to share, to help and to reach out. This event is a magnificent manifestation of this human value." He congratulated the Mennonite Central Committee for its concern and generosity towards Third World Nations.

Saturday afternoon was on to Viking for their annual community fair. The day ended at Vegreville where he was a guest at the Vegreville Celebrity Golf Tournament.

Monday, July 23, was Vegreville's 81st Annual Fair. Mr. Mazankowski participated in the parade in the morning and the formal opening ceremonies in the evening. In his remarks, he paid tribute to the founders of the Fair and said he was satisfied that they would be proud of achievements of the Vegreville Exhibition Association. Mr. Mazankowski said, "The success of the Fair can be attributed to the work of volunteers and the support of all service clubs, church groups and organizations who participate in making the Annual Fair a success. It is this kind of spirit that has built our nation."

Thursday, in Marwayne was the official opening of a new Cargill Elevator. A crowd of 600 looked on as Mr. Mazankowski cut the ribbon formally commemorating the event. "The eight

billion dollar western grain industry is an asset to our nation. The construction of new multi-million dollar grain handling facilities such as this signals the industry's faith and confidence in western farmers."

That evening Mr. Mazankowski hosted an Open House Coffee Party at the Dewberry Senior Citizens Centre where he spoke on agriculture and the importance of small communities. "This country is built on small communities and big dreams," said Mr. Mazankowski.

Friday, he met with a group of farmers from the Paradise Valley District who are concerned about the possible loss of their rail branch line. He assured the residents that a Progressive Conservative Government would impose a moratorium on all branch line abandonments pending an economic evaluation based upon the new freight rates and exploration of all other available options to provide continued service. At an open meeting in Paradise Valley Hall, Mr. Mazankowski told the gathering, "There is no justification for the proposed reduction in initial grain prices." He assured those in attendance that a Progressive Conservative Government would continue initial grain prices at current levels.

Then it was on to Tofield for a Coffee Party at the Senior Citizens Centre that evening. Commenting on recent patronage appointments made by Mr. Turner and Mr. Trudeau, Mr. Mazankowski pointed out that, "These appointments would cost the taxpayer 84.4 million dollars. That could provide all Senior Citizens in Canada eligible for Guaranteed Income Supplement with a bonus of \$70.00 each."

Heinsburg 4-H report

The Heinsburg 4-H Garden Club had the garden tour on July 17. We all met at Double J's at 1 o'clock. Club leader, Mrs. Thomson and Mrs. Bristow supplied the rides.

Ellen Frombach, the District Home Economist, accompanied us on our tour. Once everyone had assembled we were on our way. First we went to Dorothy Faithful's garden. We went to Shauna and Shelly Hislop's next and Lorretta and Edlyn Smuk's after that. Then to D.D. Skaronsky's garden where everyone enjoyed a cool drink. Then we went on to June, Rhonda, Roxanne, Stacey, Arden, and Robby Laboucane's gardens. Rhonda was sick in bed so Mrs. Laboucane had to show everyone her garden. After that we went to Kim, Henry, and Lily Thomson's gardens. Our last stop was at Rosalie Bristow's garden. In general all the gardens were clean and growing vigorously.

After the tour we enjoyed a cool swim in Whitney Lake. Then it was time for the pot luck supper. It was delicious. After the meal there was time to relax or go for a short walk before the meeting.

After everyone has assembled again the meeting got under way. We decided to have Achievement Day on August 20 at the Heinsburg Hall. Ellen

Frombach gave some excellent advice on ways to display vegetables attractively. Plans were also finalized for a group trip to Vermilion College.

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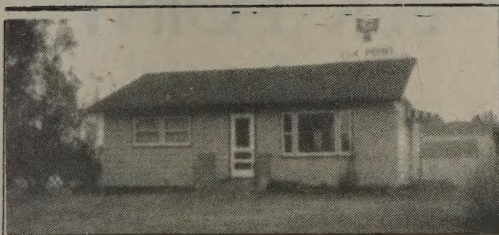
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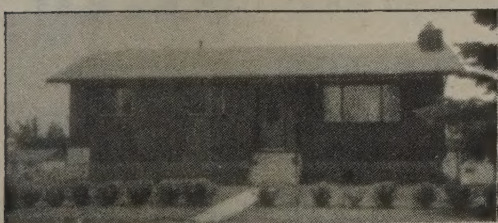
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— Blanching times should be measured from the time the vegetables enter the boiling water. It is not necessary to bring the water back to a boil to start timing.

— Tough, tasteless frozen vegetables may be a result of freezing over ripe produce, not blanching, over-blanching, or not using a vegetables variety suitable for freezing.

— Mayonnaise jars aren't specifically designed for home canning and may break or crack when exposed to the heats of water bath or pressure canning.

— When canning in the water bath or pressure canner, it is not necessary to sterilize jars and lids because the heat of processing will destroy harmful organisms. However, these jars still must be cleaned (wash in hot soapy water, rinse in boiling water and keep hot until filled)

— It is still necessary to sterilize jars for the unprocessed products (jams, jellies, and pickles).

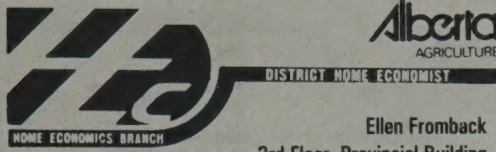
— After a year the quality of canned foods starts to deteriorate. However, if properly canned and stored, canned food should keep almost indefinitely.

— Don't double recipes for jams and jellies, they won't set properly.

— To test a jam or jelly for a good set, try this: Remove kettle from heat. Place a spoonful of jam or jelly on saucer and chill in freezer for a minute or two. If mixture sets to proper consistency, it is ready to ladle into jars. If not, cook a few minutes longer and test again.

— Hard water affects the quality of pickles. Mineral salts make hard water alkaline; therefore, hard water reduces the acidity of the vinegar solution. Solutions: use distilled water, borrow "better" water from a neighbour, or remove mineral salts from your water. To do this, boil water for 20 minutes, skim off the scum, let stand for 24 hours, then ladle out the water without disturbing the sediment. Mechanically softened water is not satisfactory because minerals are substituted, not removed, by the process.

To paraffin seal jams and jellies, cool jars for 30 minutes before sealing. Pour a thin layer (2mm) over the fruit mixture. Rotate the jar so the wax seals around the inside rim. Prick the air bubbles. After the first layer is hardened, pour a second layer in the same manner as the first. Two thin layers of paraffin



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expand and contract more easily than one thick one and make a better seal.

— Jam, jelly and pickle recipes are tested carefully to achieve a good quality product. If you alter the proportions of ingredients in the product, there is a good chance the quality of the product will be altered.

The following workshops are a possibility for the month of August. If a particular area shows enough interest, I'll set one up. If you are interested in any of the following phone in (645-6301):

Freezing Foods — the basics of freezing foods to obtain a good quality product (about 1½ hours).

Canning — the basics of canning techniques will be covered, followed by instructions for using a pressure canner and a water bath. Common problems and solutions will be covered (3-4 hours).

Jams, Jellies, and Pickles — again basics will be covered, with a large section of the workshop being dedicated to common problems and solutions (2-3 hours).

Combination Workshop — the above 3 topics will be covered in a one day workshop (4-5 hours) or a two evening series.

Pressure Canners — a specific workshop, to familiarize pressure canner owners with using their canner. If you feel a little "leery" of your new canner, this is the one you want (you'll get hands on experience).

Food Drying — this will cover the basics of food drying with a small demonstration.

Alberta Agriculture has the following food preservation publication for you, free of charge: (Just ask!).

1150-1 Food Preservation: A Problem Solving Guide

1151 Canning Canadian Fruits and Vegetables

1151-1 Home Canning

1151-30 Home Canning of Meat and Poultry

1153 Making Pickles and Relishes at Home

1156-1 Freezing Foods

1157 Drying Fruits and Vegetables

1153-1 Pickles and Relishes

1152 Jams, Jellies, and Other Pickles

If you have an questions, don't hesitate to call. Good luck with your preserving.

Local 4-H'er attend club week

Ron Vogel, of Elk Point represented the Elk Point Beef Club at the 4-H Club Week held at Camrose Lutheran College recently. Ron, along with one hundred seventeen other 4-H delegates from the north half of the province working co-operatively in small groups on the topics of peer pressure, family communication and decision making. The theme "If it's to be, it's up to me" emphasized the importance of taking active responsibility for one's life. 4-H Club Weeks are sponsored by Alberta Wheat Pool, Agriculture Canada, United Grain Growers and Alberta Agriculture.

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Report from your fair board

by Irene Magnusson

With the Elk Point and District Agricultural Fair a scant two weeks away, all would-be exhibitors will be sharpening up their wits and preparing their entries - or at least planning them. Some will have been ready for some time, but others are of the kind which must be fresh-picked.

Such are the entries for Grains. Leon Babcock is the convenor for Grains, and may be reached at 724-2202 (and not at the number listed in the Prize List Fair Book, which is incorrect) for further information.

Since sheafs of grain should be freshly picked, as must be the single heads, grain exhibitors could be looking over their crops ahead of time, to spot the areas where growth is best and the heads are longest. Kernel grains could be prepared well ahead of time, since most will be from last year - we almost never get much grain threshed before August 17th.

There have been additions to the grains category, with the inclusion of the single heads of wheat, oats, two-and-six-row barley and a single stalk of canola. So be en-

couraged to look for a sample of your very best, and let us all see it.

Hay entries should be good this year, since there has been good growth of grasses, and in this grain-growing, hay-producing area surely a lot of farmers could exhibit some excellent samples of their produce.

The second fair class I'd like to mention this week is canning, under Muriel Holthe's watchful eye. Her phone number is 724-3837, and she will be pleased to give you any additional information you may require.

The Canning class includes canned fruits, jellies, jams and pickles. Judging is based on appearance and especially - taste. Jars must be sealed. I don't know what a pint jar is called in metric, but I'm sure few of you will worry about that. Just use your good old pint jars - or in case of jams and jellies - any size jar will be accepted. Do make sure you have a properly fitting lid.

Nothing in the world smells better than a pot of jam or pickles in the making. A whole lot of planning, energy and mess goes into every batch. You who can and get the work, should also



get the glory, so bring out your best, enter it in the fair and carry home the ribbons. That's what a fair is all about.

Please remember that all Fair Committee members have copies of the prize list booklet. If you are interested in entering, ask for your copy. There have been a few changes from last year you may wish to study. Also there is an entry form in the back of the booklet, for your use when entering exhibits. There are also labels available from committee members, which you will need to place on each entry before submitting it. It's not too soon to look after these preparations. The Elk Point Fair date is August 17-18th.

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